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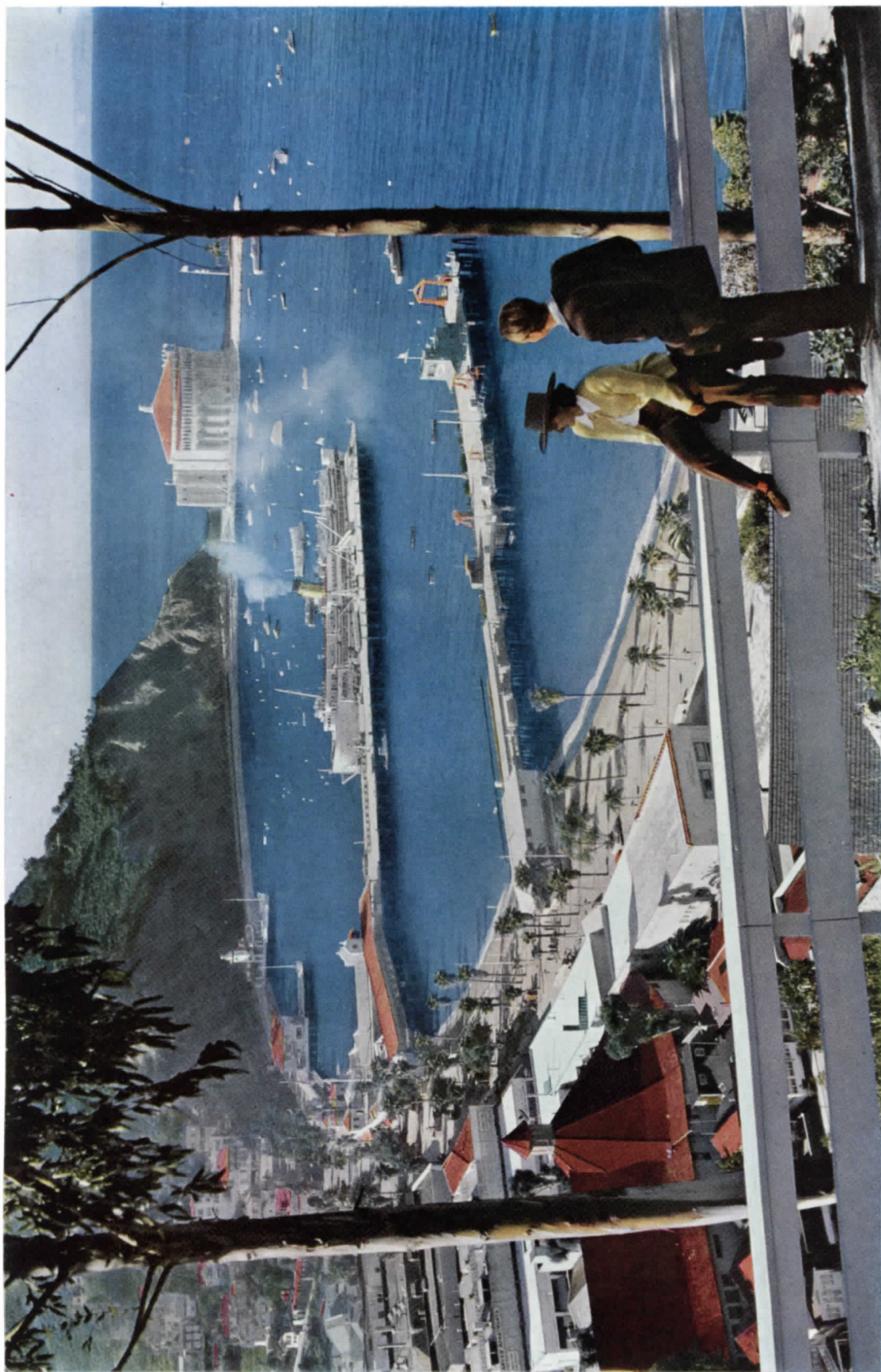


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To Lovely Avalon Come Thousands of Yachts from Southern California

The little town, named for the happy island valley of Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*, is on the lee side of Santa Catalina. "Where falls not hail, or rain, or any snow; Nor ever wind blows loudly." Pleasure craft, daily steamers, and amphibian planes cross the 22-mile channel from the mainland, bringing 350,000 visitors annually.



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Sight-seeing Buses Recall Stagecoach Days

Wearing the traditional garb of early California, the drivers take visitors around winding mountain roads in the romantic manner of the Golden West.



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Even the Savage King Vulture Responds to Kindness

At the bird sanctuary in Avalon it takes bits of meat from the lips of Superintendent D. L. Mobley. The stunt, however, is not recommended for visitors.



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Avalon Residents Preserve Traditions of the Days of the Dons

At Christmas time they observe the fiesta of Las Posadas, and at Easter give nine days to that of Las Pascuas. Costumes reminiscent of early California are worn for these and other celebrations. From the mainland palm trees have been barged over to give the island its tropical atmosphere.

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Catalina Visitors Step from the Excursion Boats into a Bit of Old Spain

Everywhere the Spanish influence is followed in buildings, halls, bell towers, tiled walks, and palm-shaded streets.

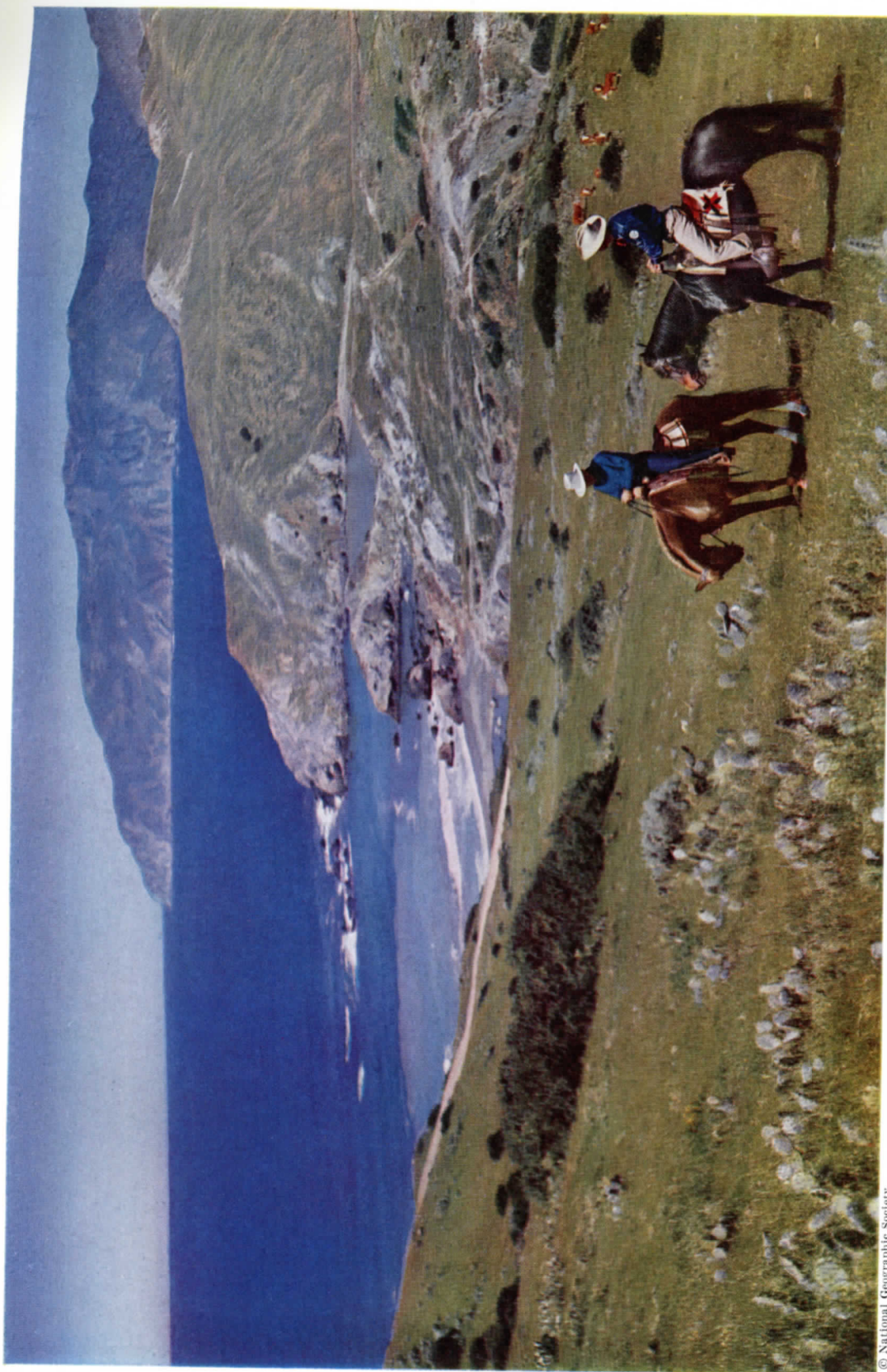


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In This Isle of Song and Laughter There Is Music Day and Night

Strolling troubadours clad in dashing costumes charm audiences along the streets with Spanish melodies. Like a "movie" stage set, exotic Avalon has been built on what was once barren ground.



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On the Seaward Side of Santa Catalina Horsemen Ride in Wild West Setting

About 1,500 Hereford cattle roam rich grazing land in a region little touched by civilization. Though known best to visitors for its seaside resorts, the island, 22 miles long and from a half mile to seven miles wide, has stretches of mountainous land that is still wilderness.

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Santa Catalina Calls Its 18-Hole Golf Course "the Sportiest in the West"

Scene of the annual Bobby Jones Trophy Tournament each spring, it attracts players from all over the world. It crosses canyons and gullies, goes up steep hills and down deep vales. Low dams to catch the sparse winter rainfall, storage reservoirs, and pipelines have ended 75 years of disastrous drought.

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For Three Centuries the Wild Goat Has Been Monarch of Catalina

Spanish explorers left behind a small band of these animals which they had carried alive as butchering stock. Today the number of descendants of the herd is estimated at 30,000.



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Philip K. Wrigley's "Kaaba" Is a Sire of Some 200 Bluebloods

On a sequestered ranch, this Arabian stallion heads a fine herd. Beyond looms Mount Orizaba (2,107 feet), highest point in the island. The rugged terrain is excellent for developing hardy stock.